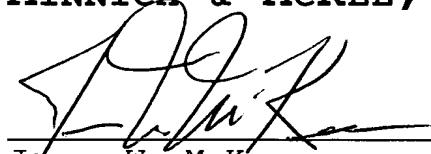


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment has been presented to amend the claims to remove all multiple dependencies. Claims 1-39 are pending in the application; claims 1, 11, 20 and 37 are independent. All pending claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is requested at the earliest possible date.

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Claims 2, 3, 5, 7-10, 13, 15, 17-19, 28, 30 and 33-36 have been amended as follows:

2. (Amended) Use of a recording sheet according to claim [2] 1, wherein the paper substrate contains between 50 and 400, preferably between 100 and 300, more preferably approximately 200 parts dry weight of aluminium trihydrate to 800 parts dry weight of pulp.
3. (Amended) Use of a recording sheet according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the recording sheet has a surface treatment including magnesium sulphate and polyvinyl pyrrolidone.
5. (Amended) Use of a recording sheet according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the recording sheet has a surface treatment including starch and polyvinyl alcohol.
7. (Amended) Use of a recording sheet according to claim 5 [or claim 6], wherein the surface treatment including starch and polyvinyl alcohol is applied to the paper at a rate of 1 to 2g/m².
8. (Amended) Use of a recording sheet according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the recording sheet has a surface treatment including a soluble or insoluble metal from Groups II and III or the Transition Metals of the Periodic Table.

9. (Amended) Use of a recording sheet according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the recording sheet is substantially opaque.

10. (Amended) A method of printing on a recording sheet using a digital printing press, characterised in that the recording sheet is as defined in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1.

13. (Amended) A method according to claim 11 [or claim 12], the method including treating the surface of the paper with a surface treatment including magnesium sulphate and polyvinyl pyrrolidone.

15. (Amended) A method according to [any one of] claim[s] 11 [to 14], the method including treating the surface of the paper with a surface treatment including starch and polyvinyl alcohol.

17. (Amended) A method according to claim 15 [or claim 16], wherein the surface treatment including starch and polyvinyl alcohol is applied to the paper at a rate of 1 to 2g/m².

18. (Amended) A method according to [any one of] claim[s] 15 [to 17 when dependent on any one of claims 13 and 14], wherein a surface treatment including magnesium sulphate and polyvinyl pyrrolidone and a surface treatment including starch and polyvinyl alcohol are applied to the paper surface as separate treatments.

19. (Amended) A method according to [any one of] claim[s] 12 [to 19], the method including treating the surface of the paper with a surface treatment including a soluble or insoluble metal from Groups II and III or the Transition Metals of the Periodic Table.

28. (Amended) Use of a recording sheet according to [any one of] claim[s] 20 [to 27], wherein the binder substance is selected from a group consisting of polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinyl alcohol, carboxylated cellulosic polymers, polyacrylic acids, hydroxylated polyacrylates, polyacrylamides, starches and gelatine.

30. (Amended) Use of a recording sheet according to claim 28 [or claim 29], wherein the binder substance has a molecular weight in the range 790,000 to 1,350,000.

33. (Amended) Use of a recording sheet according to [any one of] claim[s] 20 [to 32], in which the substances are applied to the surface of the recording sheet as an aqueous solution.

34. (Amended) Use of a recording sheet according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, in which the recording sheet has a substantially uncoated appearance.

35. (Amended) Use of a recording sheet according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, the recording sheet being suitable for use on a digital press, in a lithographic printing process, for laser printing, inkjet printing with dye and pigment based inks and hot melt imaging.

36. (Amended) Use of a recording sheet according to [any one of] claim[s] 20 [to 35], wherein the recording sheet is translucent or transparent.